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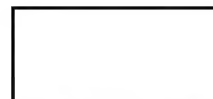MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Director-Comptroller

Bill :

The attached paper raises one of the issues which must be settled en route to sizing the over-all information sciences training program. I believe that for FY 73 we are obligated to take such students as other USIB member agencies desire to propose for the courses run by our people at the DIS facilities, limited of course by the numbers the staffing will permit. I shouldn't think, based on past experience while DIS was running the program that the student load would exceed program and faculty capabilities.

FY 74 and beyond poses a different problem. The program we proposed was not approved at the original level or any others we suggested. We are looking to identify Agency requirements but we need answers:

a. Should we contemplate any non-CIA students in FY 74? If not, do USIB agencies have to receive additional notification? Does PFIAB have to be informed of the changes – by special notice or in the Director's annual report?

b. At what level should we try to peg the Agency program for FY 74 and beyond – general education for familiarization only for a broad population, incorporated into existing other OTR courses or expanded technical applications training for actual and potential users. Should we react or go for business? The amount which was left in the FY 74 program will not accommodate expanded technical applications training. We have to work more on requirements but a posture indication from you would be helpful to that effort.

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Att:
  Memo frm AD/TR to DD/S dtd 27 June 72
  subj: Information Science Training for the
  Intelligence Community -- DD/S 72-2589 w/atts

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Support

SUBJECT : Information Science Training for
the Intelligence Community

REFERENCES : (a) PFIAB memo to the President, subj.:
U. S. Intelligence Community Capabilities
for Handling Intelligence Information, dtd
15 Jun 65

(b) CODIB-D-113/5.7, subj.: Systems Training
for Intelligence Personnel, dtd 2 Feb 67

(c) DCI memo to the Secretary of Defense, subj.:
Establishment of Training Courses at the
Defense Intelligence School in the Application
of Information Science Technology to Intelligence,
dtd 25 Mar 67

(d) Secretary of Defense memo to the Director, DIA,
subj.: Training of Intelligence Personnel in
Information Science Technology, dtd 13 Jun 67

(e) DIA memo, subj.: Establishment of the Informa-
tion Science Center, DIAJT, dtd 26 Dec 67

(f) DIA memo for the Chairman, USIB, subj.:
Closure of the Information Science Center, dtd
3 Feb 72

(g) Ltr frm Ex. Dir.-Compt., CIA, to DIA, dtd
23 May 72

1. This memorandum reviews the sequence of circumstances leading to
the establishment of the Information Science Center on 26 December 1967, and
the subsequent termination of support by the Defense Intelligence Agency, for

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the purpose of seeking clarification of its responsibilities, if any, of the
Director of Training for providing information science training for non-CIA
personnel of the Intelligence Community in the CIA managed courses planned
for Fiscal Year 1973 and beyond.

2. Reference (a) stressed the need for improvement in the storage and
retrieval of the intelligence product and recommended the training and retrain-
ing of personnel engaged in information-handling activities and in systems
thinking and systems skills, suggesting that both senior administrative person-
nel and more junior operating people should acquire new abilities and attitudes
to discharge the responsibilities associated with the enormous file and distri-
bution system of the Intelligence Community. Reference (b) recommended a
balanced program of university training, in-house data handling instruction
and specialized courses at DIA applying information science technology to
intelligence problems. Reference (c) requested DIA to develop specialized
courses for personnel of the Intelligence Community. Reference (d) requested
development of specialized courses by DIA, starting in FY 1969. Reference (e)
established the Information Science Center at its Defense Intelligence School to
develop information science courses in order to meet the requirements of the
Intelligence Community. Reference (f) stated that it would be necessary to
close the Information Science Center by 30 June 1972 due to Department of
Defense budgetary cuts and reductions in other resources. It noted that DIA
could arrange classroom space and faculty offices for a continuing program if
other Intelligence Community members wished to provide funds or personnel.
Reference (g) informed DIA that CIA desired to conduct under CIA management
various information science courses at its Information Science Center in
FY 1973 pending determination of longer-range requirements and a more
permanent solution, thus accepting the DIA offer of facility support.

3. In the last 60 days negotiations have been completed with the Director,
Defense Intelligence School for the scheduled use of their facilities in FY 1973
and the NSA has agreed to provide an instructor for the faculty. Program
alternatives have been proposed and a reduced, but active information science
program is to be undertaken in FY 1973. Guidance provided by the Executive
Director-Comptroller suggests the desirability of bringing this program on
CIA premises in FY 1974 with a greater emphasis on the needs for the training
of CIA personnel.